

## **“AND NOW... Homosexuals Allowed to Wed” *The Plain Truth*, Australasian edition, August 1975, p. 15**

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Give them an inch, and they'll take a mile," is only too true, when the "inch" is in the wrong direction.

After World War I, morals in this world began to deteriorate. After World War II, they called this moral deterioration the "NEW MORALITY." That, of course, was a play on words for the world to "kid itself" that gross immorality was perfectly acceptable morally.

You may call a leopard a house cat, but it still hasn't changed its spots. Since the catch phrase "new morality" caught on, gross immorality has won public acceptance as being *right!*

In the book of Genesis the incident of the "forbidden fruit" is recorded. Of course that's the point at which humanity jumped the track of sanity and embarked on the way that has brought on this world all its woes and evils. Right there humanity took to itself the decision - that is, the KNOWLEDGE - of what is GOOD and what is EVIL. Professing themselves to be wise, humans have made themselves fools.

So, in this end-time 20th century we keep going from bad to worse.

Homosexuality today has its champions. They have worked hard to justify this evil and win public acceptance in a deceived world, bringing on itself frightful evils.

In Los Angeles a "church" for homosexuals has been established. And recently, in Boulder, Colorado, two male homosexuals from Colorado Springs obtained a license to wed. And there was no fanfare. This set off a succession of similar marriage license applicants. There was a well-publicized homosexual marriage in a Denver church!

All this set off a furor. A legal debate was started that might lead to the U.S. Supreme Court. These so-called gay people have launched a national drive for legal "rights."

At least four male couples and two female couples obtained marriage licenses at the Boulder County Clerk's office before the attorney general's office stopped it.

The details of such marriages are too revolting to describe here.

In 1964 I published a book titled *God Speaks Out on the New Morality*. And now, eleven years later I think it's time for the living God to speak out again.

"Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the Lord, that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands *to your own hurt*. " If such a perversion as homosexuality were good for its participants, God would approve it. He CONDEMNS it because it DESTROYS, it perverts!

From Romans 1, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [back] the truth in unrighteousness .... Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools .... Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie .... For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature [lesbians] and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one to another, men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet [fitting].

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient [right], being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication [all sexual immorality], wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness ... without natural affection."

Of course, *GOD SPEAKS OUT* loudest against homosexuality, now becoming accepted by TODAY'S Society, in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Through Jude, speaking first of angels that sinned, that is, turned from God's government and WAY OF LIFE, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication [sexual perversion - homosexuality], and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7).

Apparently homosexuality had spread in the day of Lot, nephew of Abraham, until it gained complete acceptance by society in those cities.

God had promised Abraham that even if there were TEN righteous people in those two cities, he would spare the cities and not destroy them for the sake of that ten.

This simply has to mean, either that homosexuality and lesbianism were practiced by all, with the exception probably of Lot and his family, or else that it had the same "acceptance" that modern society is beginning to give this same perversion today. This is given in the Bible as "an example" to WARN even those today who give this extreme evil their "acceptance" - as if it were perfectly respectful.

God labeled this degenerate perversion a *very grievous sin*.

WHY is it so grievous a sin? Because it perverts the MIND! Some may believe homosexuality is transmitted by birth. It is not! But once one gives his mind to accept it, his mental perspective regarding proper use of sex soon becomes perverted - changed - unnatural. A man soon cares nothing for the husband-wife relationship. I have known of a few cases where such men were married and had families, but they were exceptions, and their real "love" - that is, LUST - was for other men. The mind becomes CHANGED - PERVERTED - and no longer normal.

God says such shall NOT enter the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21; I Cor. 6:9-10).